

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
ALLEN MCNEILL FOR EXCEP-  
TIONAL SERVICE AND LEADER-  
SHIP

## HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Allen McNeill for approximately 45 years of service to the people of Randolph and Moore County. A beloved member of our community, Representative McNeill has exhibited the highest level of commitment to protecting and serving others.

Prior to serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Representative McNeill worked for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office for approximately 30 years. His position with the office provided him with essential experience in law enforcement and public safety that has been integral to his accomplishments in the North Carolina House of Representatives. In 2012, Representative McNeill was first elected to the District 78 seat representing segments of Randolph and Moore County. He has represented this seat to this day and currently serves as the chair of the Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committee as well as the vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and Judiciary 2 Committee. He is also a member of numerous other committees, including but not limited to the Election Law and Campaign Finance Committee and the Transportation Committee. As representative, his legislative initiative has affected essential funding for local government and institutional actors to ensure that his constituency is equipped with quality security and public safety measures. Perhaps most notably, his negotiations achieved indispensable funding that allowed Randolph Health to remain open and continue providing healthcare services for our community.

Representative McNeill will retire after his term expires at the end of the year. Through his outstanding service and leadership in the law enforcement and the North Carolina House of Representatives, he has set an exemplary standard for others in public service to emulate. I know I speak for all in our community in wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring State Representative Allen McNeill for his career of commendable servitude to his community.

HONORING DELLIE C. ROBINSON

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and

self-motivated leader, Dellie C. Robinson. Dellie C. Robinson has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Robinson, the longtime Vicksburg High School (VHS) boys' basketball coach, led the Gators to the 2003 MHSAA Class 5A Championship, and to the state championship game in 2011 and 2014, during a 25-year run.

Robinson won nearly 800 games in almost 30 years as a coach at VHS and Canton High School. He was at VHS from 1992 to 2017 and won more than 400 games there.

Robinson was known as one of the best basketball coaches in Mississippi, and he was inducted into the 2022 Vicksburg Warren School District Athletic Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dellie C. Robinson for his passion and dedication to the Vicksburg Warren School District.

IN MEMORY OF DEBRA WALKER

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I rise in memory of Debra Walker, Detroit resident and community activist, whose bright light will live on in our hearts.

Debra was a remarkable and devoted resident of Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. She got her start in community organizing while she served as an Americorps volunteer following her retirement from a career in the automotive industry. Debra's service had no bounds, and she was a friend to many and a dedicated volunteer to countless organizations. Her commitments were deeply rooted in our community with Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, Corktown Business Association, Corktown Experience, Alternatives for Girls, and People's Community Services, to name a few. She was especially proud of the organizations she founded, Black CAT, whose work focused on social justice issues and Women Achieving Victory and Esteem (WAVE), a support group for African American breast cancer patients and their families.

In addition to her work in the community, Debra was also an entrepreneur, artist, crafter, poet, and spoken word performer. She was passionate about the arts, which led her to found Power in Poetry Experience of Detroit, which created a platform for performing artists across Detroit. The community will always fondly remember Ladel's, the children's bookstore that Debra owned and ran. The store's selections, stories that exposed children to diverse cultures and representation of communities like their own, were truly reflective of the community Debra wanted to create. She truly embodied the generosity and warm-heartedness of Detroit.

Please join me in honoring the memory of Debra Walker as our community mourns her loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on November 30, 2022 due to bad weather. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 486, YEA on Roll Call No. 487, and NAY on Roll Call No. 488.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PAT  
HURLEY FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

## HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor North Carolina State Representative Pat Hurley for her 16 years of service to the people of Randolph County. A beloved member of our community, Representative Hurley has gone above and beyond to enact positive change for all in her community.

Since the beginning of her first term in 2007, Representative Hurley has worked diligently to become a conservative leader in the General Assembly. She currently holds leadership roles on many committees, including her role as chairwoman of the Appropriations and Education Committee. In addition to her educational priorities, Representative Hurley has long stood as a stalwart voice against legislation that would further enable or permit the use of alcohol, drugs, and gambling. As one of only 8 women in the 120-member North Carolina House of Representatives, she has exhibited outstanding initiative and courage that will help pave the way for increased female membership and leadership in the North Carolina General Assembly in years to come.

As a representative, she has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to her community through her hard work and leadership. She has served as a trailblazer for all women in public service, and I know I speak for many others as we honor her extraordinary career.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Representative Pat Hurley for her exemplary service to her community.

HONORING EMMANUEL FORBES,  
JR.

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Emmanuel Forbes, Jr.

Emmanuel Forbes, Jr. is a native from Grenada, MS. He is also a 2020 graduate of Grenada High School. Emmanuel was a dominant

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